

WHY ARE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) IMPORTANT?

BMPs are enforceable procedures, based on regulations, that minimize pollutants that are discharged to the sewer system or the environment. BMPs are needed at both industrial and commercial facilities that can produce wastewater containing higher levels of pollutants than what are typically found in residential wastewater.

REQUIREMENTS

COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL CODES

- ◇ All dry cleaning operations that send wastewater to the sewer system must ensure their wastewater complies with all local codes and requirements.

APPLY FOR A PERMIT IF NEEDED

- ◇ Dry cleaners must apply for a permit if they discharge over 25,000 gallons a day.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

HAZARDOUS WASTE HANDLING:

Department of Ecology
(509) 329-3400
www.ecy.wa.gov

Spokane Regional Health District
(509) 324-1560 ext. 3
www.srhd.org

For hazardous spills or any other
emergencies, call 911

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DRY CLEANING OPERATIONS



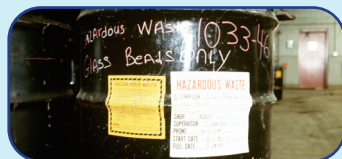
COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

DRY CLEANING BMPs

- » Determine whether each waste material is hazardous by using the guidelines found in both WAC 173-303-9903 and WAC 173-303-9904.
- » All condensate wastewater shall be either treated by evaporation or collected, stored, and removed offsite by a licensed waste hauler. There shall be absolutely no sewer discharge of dry cleaning contact wastewater.
- » The discharge of perchloroethylene (PERC), PERC-contaminated wastes, and PERC-breakdown products, including, but not limited to, wastewater from PERC/water separators, still bottoms (muck) or other wastes containing PERC to the sewer is prohibited.



- » All floor drains shall be permanently sealed to separate dry cleaning machines from floor drains.
- » Never use sinks as secondary containment or for chemical storage or transfer.
- » Keep containers closed except when adding or removing materials.
- » Develop a written spill response plan, keep spill clean-up materials on site, and immediately clean up any spills and replace leaking containers.
- » All wastes containing PERC, including water containing low concentration PERC, shall be disposed of as a hazardous waste by a legally certified waste hauler. Other wastes, such as dry cleaning solvent filters and sludge shall be collected, stored, and disposed of in accordance with hazardous waste regulations.
- » Storage and waste containers should have clear labels indicating their contents.



POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

These tips are not enforceable, but will help your business reduce its impact on the environment.

- » Switch to a less toxic dry-cleaning chemical or switch to professional wet cleaning. The Washington Department of Ecology has a PERC equipment replacement program where dry cleaning companies may apply for reimbursement.
- » Develop and follow a written Environmental Management Plan, periodically inspecting and repairing equipment.
- » Use spigots, pumps, and funnels when pouring solvents and cleaners.
- » Use environmentally friendly cleaning products if possible.

